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INAUGURALS PAST AND PRESENT

Attendance And Pomp Increase In Magnitude And Splendor With Advance of Time.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—History again will repeat itself next Thursday when William Howard Taft bows his head over the Holy Bible and takes the solemn obligation which shall make him, for a stated period, the chief magistrate of the United States.

The ceremony of the induction of a president into office is distinctively American. Conceived in the minds and hearts of the Nation's Fathers, while they yet were in the throes of a great revolution, it is grand in its motive—sublime in its simplicity. Through the lapse of years, since the establishment of the American government, substantially no change has been made in the ceremonial form, although elaborate and beautiful accompaniments, in recent years, have become notable features of the most important of American functions.

In the time of Taft, as in the time of Washington, the spectacle bears the same simple impressiveness. Here is no emperor or king, or dictator, arrogating to himself, "through the law of succession or monarchical expediency," the powers of government; but the creature of a willing, enthusiastic and homogenous people taking upon himself, through the expression of his peers, the responsibility of carrying out their mandates and directing the execution of their will. Yesterday he was one of a hundred million people; today, yet one of the people, but chosen for a brief time to direct their destinies and to protect and defend their nation.

It was Washington who, to a large extent devised the plan of a president's inaugural. In this respect, as in others, his work has stood the test of time. It will endure, too, for so long as the nation may live, in its original form of beautiful and impressive simplicity.

Washington was inducted into office at New York. At the time of notification of his election, he was residing at his beautiful country home, Mount Vernon. He proceeded to the then seat of government on horseback, in coaches and in eight oared barges. His journey was a triumphal march. No such scenes of enthusiasm ever had been witnessed in this country as attended his progress. The country people gave him hearty greeting by the roadside; in Philadelphia the citizens had decorated the streets and buildings elaborately and he rode on a splendid milk-white charger beneath triumphal arches; and in towns and hamlets farther east his pathway was strewn with flowers by women and children.

Details of the ceremony attendant upon the administration of the oath of office were worked out after his arrival in New York. It took place in the old federal building, which then was the seat of the congress, and the oath was administered by Chancellor Livingston. The first president was waited upon by committees of the house and senate at his temporary abiding place and an escort of regular United States troops accompanied him to the "Capitol." He was driven in a handsome coach, and, as he had no predecessor, he was alone in the carriage. When the announcement was made formally that Washington had taken the obligation which made him the first president of the United States, the multitude waiting outside of the building gave itself up to an enthusiastic demonstration. Speeches were delivered and patriotic songs sung, and that night there was a display of fireworks.

The second inauguration of Washington took place in Philadelphia. While the ceremony was more elaborate in its accompaniments, then the first had been, it remained, as always,

VIRGINIA DENTIST ACCUSED OF KILLING OWN CHILD

By Associated Press.
Moundville, W. Va., Mar. 1.—Dr. Charles McCracken, a prominent and wealthy dentist of Cameron, West Virginia, was placed on trial here today charged with causing the death of his two-year-old child. McCracken, following a quarrel with his wife, shot and seriously wounded her. He fired again at his wife but missed and killed the child. The defense will be insanity.

"SOONERS" BREAK EVEN ON BASKET BALL TOUR

Norman, Okla., March 1.—The "sooner" basket ball team returned Saturday from their Oklahoma-Kansas trip, having broke even in the number of games won and lost. The university five won from Blackwell, 31 to 24 and from Tonkawa, 28 to 26, but lost to Emporia, 35 to 19, and Chillicothe, 27 to 26. The men who made the trip were: Davis, Wantland, Diamond, Reeds, Carey, Lambert, Colby, Porter and Coach Owen. Tonka plays two games here next week.

In its essential form, simple and impressive, Washington was conveyed to the capitol in a handsome coach drawn by six white horses. His attire was notably elegant, being of black velvet, with diamond-studded buckles, silk hose and cocked hat.

Four years later, John Adams was inaugurated as president also in Philadelphia. Apprehension had been expressed that the young government would be unable to withstand the strain of a change of presidents; but the result was a superb vindication of the wisdom of the fathers. Washington passed the reins of government to his successor with the same patriotic grace, and willingness and wisdom that had characterized his every public action.

The real test of the government's institutions came four years later when Thomas Jefferson became president. He was not elected by the people, but by the house of representatives. The election had resulted in a tie and the house of representatives exercised its constitutional prerogative of choosing the president. The contest in the house was very bitter; but again the nation withstood the strain magnificently.

"The Sage of Monticello," as Jefferson was affectionately termed, was the first president to be inaugurated in Washington, the seat of government again having been changed. Accompanied by only a few friends, he rode on horseback from his home to Washington. He was joined by a small detachment of cavalry which escorted him into the city. He went, unaccompanied in his carriage to the capitol, not because he had no predecessor, but because President Adams embittered by the result of the action of the house, left the city early in the day, declining to await the new president. The inaugural ceremony took place in the old senate chamber, the oath of office being administered by Chief Justice Marshall. At its conclusion, the new president proceeded to the White House. According to contemporaneous accounts "a vast concourse" of about a thousand people stood in the gardens, fields and strips of woodland along Pennsylvania avenue and gave Jefferson enthusiastic greeting. As Washington was nearly inaccessible in those days, celebrations of the inauguration were held in many cities and towns throughout the country.

It is reported that a throng of ten thousand people assembled on the east front of the Capitol to witness the inauguration of President Madison. An immense crowd that was, for Washington in those days. Regular troops and militia formed the nucleus of a parade, which was concluded with real inaugural procession. The ceremony was concluded with a reception at the White House, at which former

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TO GIVE WETS AN OPPORTUNITY

Constitutional Amendment Proposed By Senator Davis Would Permit Local Option.

Guthrie, Okla., Mar. 1.—Blanket prohibition with a kind of automatic attachment which gives communities the power to get from under prohibition if they don't like it by voting local option is provided in a proposed constitutional amendment by Senator Davis. But when a community gets saloons it must place them under the most rigid restrictions.

A saloon cannot be opened in a building of more than one story and the building must not have a back door, but only a front entrance which must be uncurtained and unscreened.

All saloons must close at midnight and remain closed all day Sunday. No woman may act as bartender and no man under 45 years of age may sell liquor from behind the bar. Treating is absolutely barred, putting a ban on the social features of the saloon. No saloon can be over or under any other room, so as to bar all evil resorts in connection with it and there can be no connecting rooms or doors with the saloon room.

Each saloon must pay an annual license in advance of \$1,000 to go into the road and bridge fund and any violation of the restrictions placed upon it works a forfeiture of its license.

MANY OUTSIDERS ATTEND SERVICES AT THE JAIL

That the efforts of the ministers of the town to give spiritual aid to the unfortunates confined in the federal jail here are attracting attention and receiving the hearty co-operation of the citizens of Vinita was amply evidenced yesterday afternoon when a large number gathered at the jail and asked permission to witness and assist in the services being held there. Nor are the prisoners themselves indifferent to the efforts being made in their behalf. Many of them join heartily in the singing and in other ways show their appreciation of the services. Rev. A. J. Williams, pastor of the First Christian church, lead the meeting yesterday and preached a short but impressive sermon. Next Sunday the services will be conducted by Rev. G. J. Donnell, of the First Presbyterian church.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY WOULD REGULATE ACTIVITIES

Norman, Okla., Mar. 1.—The committee in charge of the plan for student rule in the university of Oklahoma, has made a report to the faculty and it is probable that some action will be taken at the faculty meeting next Tuesday. The committee recommends a student council consisting of members of the various classes of the school, the duty of which will be to recommend laws for the regulation of student activities to the faculty, which, upon being adopted by the faculty, becomes a part of the rules and regulations of the university. This plan, if adopted, will give the control of student life largely into the hands of the students themselves.

"BUSTER BROWN" AND "TIGER" ARE COMING TO TOWN SOON.

That delightful musical play, "Buster Brown," so well and favorably known, that charms the older folks and affords unbounded amusement for the little ones, will soon be here. Everything will be new this season, and as usual the parts will be portrayed by first class artists. Master Rice, Jack Bell and Lella Cantina will play the famous trio, "Buster," "Tiger" and "Mary Jane," and there is a big company and chorus of 40 people.

SEVENTY-TWO FAVOR VINITA ONLY TWENTY-ONE OPPOSE.

The bill locating the eastern insane hospital at Vinita was placed on its second reading in the lower branch of the state legislature this morning. Seventy-one votes were cast in favor of the bill and only twenty-one against. The bill is now almost certain to pass the senate when that body takes it up tomorrow.

A. A. BOBBITT KILLED AT ADA

Sheriff Ridenhour Sends Dogs to Assist in Hunt for Assassin of Former U. S. Marshall.

Sheriff Ridenhour yesterday sent his bloodhounds, in charge of two deputies, to Ada in response to a telegram from officers at that place, asking for assistance in tracing a man, alleged to have committed murder. The name of the man killed or that of his alleged slayer was not given.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Mar. 1.—Word from Ada tonight is that the posse in pursuit of the person who last night waylaid and killed A. A. Bobbitt, of Ada, are believed to be close to the fugitive and it is believed will capture him before morning. The man is known to be heavily armed, and it is the opinion of officers now that the man has companions. A hard fight is expected when the officers overtake them. Bobbitt was well known, wealthy and was a former United States marshal.

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE AFTER SUNDAY BASE BALL

By Associated Press.
Jefferson City, Mo., Mar. 1.—The house committee on criminal jurisprudence today reported favorably Stanley's bill prohibiting base ball on Sunday. The bill now goes on the calendar for engrossment.

"Lucky" Baldwin Dead.

By Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 1.—E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin, aged eighty-one, died at his home at Arcadia, early today, after an illness of several weeks.

NEGRO SOLDIERS TO BE GIVEN A CHANCE FOR VINDICATION

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Mar. 1.—Under a special rule the house late Saturday passed the senate bill granting the discharged negro soldiers of the twenty-fifth infantry, said to have been involved in the shooting up of Brownsville, Texas, the right to prove their innocence and thus make them eligible for reinstatement.

"SOONER" ANNUAL PROMISES TO BE THE VERY BEST YET

Norman, Okla., Mar. 1.—The "sooner" staff, composed of sixteen members of the Junior class of the state university are making good progress on this year's college annual, which they expect to have ready for distribution by May 1. The annual for this year will be by far the finest gotten out by the school. It will be twice as large as the one published last year and will contain over 500 individual pictures of students, besides cuts of each literary, athletic, fraternity or other organization, all members of the faculty and board of regents, etc., and pictures of the buildings, grounds, laboratories, athletic contests, etc. Distinct features of this year's annual will be snapshot photos of prominent "couplets," faculty cartoons, a calendar of events illustrated by pen sketches, etc. The book will be bound in leather and will contain 250 pages, of which about 50 will be devoted to literary work.

SENATE COMMITTEE CAN'T AGREE ON PROPOSAL.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Mar. 1.—The senate committee on judiciary today voted to report a disagreement on the resolution providing for an investigation of the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company, by the United States steel corporation.

OKLAHOMA BONDS ARE IN DEMAND

Last of \$1,460,000 Issue Sold And Delivered to a Fraternal Order at \$1.012.

Guthrie, Okla., Mar. 1.—The last of the Oklahoma bond issue of \$1,460,000 has been sold, the bonds delivered and the money received. The handsome price of \$1.012 was received. The bonds were sold through the National Bank of Commerce at Kansas City to a committee representing the Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen of America.

Seven series, a total of \$1,022,000, were sold. The first three series were sold last fall at a price above par of about two-thirds of the 1-5 per cent premium received on the last series. The state received a total above par premium of "velvet" of \$13,770.

The price at which the bonds sold is highly significant of the confidence which the new state inspires in financial circles, despite the scare heads of the "knockers" both within and without the state. Since Christmas bonds of California and Tennessee, bearing 4 per cent interest, have sold at par. Oklahoma's bonds were of the same description and sold at the premium netting over \$13,000. New York city "4s" are selling now at par.

The bond issue of \$1,460,000 was for the purpose of paying off the territorial indebtedness assumed by the state from Oklahoma territory, with the exception of something over \$100,000 used for the first legislature and some supreme court expenses.

To Quit Business.

E. W. Stryker is closing "The Fair" stock of merchandise with a view to retiring from business in Vinita. Mr. Stryker has been in poor health for sometime and will go west for a few months, in the hope that his health may be restored.

Gain in Sales

February of 1909

Over the Same Month of Last Year

42 Per Cent

A Pretty Good Indication that "Business is Picking up" in Vinita

Milford-Berger Shoe Co.

Flashy Lot New Neck Ties In Today Get Choice

Our Spring Suits

MADE TO MEASURE

Are coming these days and are pleasing customers

Sanders Wright
VINITA'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE